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HENRY WOODHOUSE.

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Captain Henry Woodhouse was the Governor of the Bermudas from October, 1623, to January 13th, 1626—7, and was present "At a Counsell Table 1 March, 1626—7." He was in in the expedition to Re' and Rochelle, 1627—28. Was recommended by the Lords of the Admiralty to be Captain of Tilbury Fort, and was master of the muster of Suffolk County, England. He said that King Charles, in 1631, promised him the governorship of Virginia, and in 1634 and in 1635, he petitioned the King to fulfill his promise, and at one time it was thought he had done so. A friend of Governor Winthrop of Massachusetts wrote from London, "that there were ships and soldiers provided, and given out as carrying the new Governor, Captain Woodhouse, to Virginia." Among the papers in Her Majesty's Public Record office, London, is the following:

"To the King's most Excellent Matie,
The humble peticon of
Henry Woodhouse,

Humbly sheweth that whereas your matie hath been graciously pleased neere four yeares past to promise your Peticoner the Governor's place of Virginia, the settling of wch Plantacon hath bene of suche long continuance that yor peticoner starveth with the expectation, and having lost £600 of his arrears, and £60 of yearly intertainment in Suffolk, never having received one penny for his employment on the Isle of Rey and Rochell."

"Hee, therefore, hûmbly prayeth your Matie will graciously declare your pleasure, and make your peticoner enjoy the happiness of your Maties favour by giveing your warrant for the drawing of his Commission whereby your Peticoner shall avoid further troubling of your Matie who is absolutely undone without yor Maties immediate dispatch. And hee shall (as in duty ever bound) daily continue his prayers for your Maties long and most prosperous raigne."

In 1634, he took a lease for six shares of land in Hamilton Tribe, Bermuda, for 99 years, of his nephew, Sir William Killigrew, the dramatist, dated October 29th, at a rental of one hundred oranges, one hundred lemons and one hundred potatoes, to be paid at the Feast of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1637, Sir William Killigrew reclaimed the land as the rent had not been paid, but requested his agent to grant Woodhouse another lease at a higher price—"Three hundred of

the largest and best oranges, one hundred of the best potato roots, and one hundred of the best lemons." Woodhouse declined the proffer, and his name does not again occur in connection with the Bermudas. His course while Governor has been severely censured by Lefroy, who says he was tyrannical and arbitrary, but he has been defended by William Frith Williams, who says he was compelled to enforce the law. In 1630-1, the ladies of Southampton Tribe caused such a disturbance by quarreling about the right of precedence in being seated in church that the Governor and Council had to be called in to settle the dispute.

"At a Councell Table held at St. Georges the 17th day of ffebruary, 1630—1, upon Mr Paynters motion unto the Govrnor and Councell to be assistant unto him for settinge of peace amongst the woemen of ther Tribe who weare discontented for their seating and placeing in the Church of Southampton Tribe it was Taken into consideracon and thought expedient that ther should be a generall remove of them for the peace and quiettnes of them all in that maner that is hereunder prescribed. Howbeit it is referred unto the minister and Vestry of the said church to take yt into consideration, And if they find any difficulty therin to make ther report theron to the Gouvnor and Councell who wil be ready to assiste them for the redressing of all such inconvenences as may therby arise amongst them.

The upper seat to be ffree and kept for marriages, Christeninges and for churching of weomen accordinde to the ffirst institution In the first seate Mrs. Paynter, Mrs. Stirke, Mrs. Elfrith, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Leycrafte, Mrs. Woodhouse."

Capt. Woodhouse on the 7th of August, 1628, purchased of John Gearing of London two shares of land in the Bermudas, and on the 27th of July, 1632, gave them to his son Henry, who, born in 1607, settled in Virginia in 1637, and received a grant of 500 acres of land for the importation of Henry Woodhouse, Mary Woodhouse, Eliz: Woodhouse, Hen. Brightman, Lam Wilson, Jacob Bradschaler, Jon Symons, Tho. Symons, Kaemn of Camena, Thomas of Poluxon, was a member of the House of Burgesses in 1647 and 1652, County Commissioner from 1642 to 1653, member of the vestry, of Lynhaven Parish in 1640, and died in 1655. He left four sons, Henry, Horatio, John and William, and several daughters, Elizabeth who married Giles Collins; Mary, Edward Attwood; Rachel, John Totne; and one who married Hercules Low, and one by the name of Judith, who may have been Mrs. Low.

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Woodhowse doe make ordeyne Constitute and appoynt this to be my last will and testamt, ffirst and principally I bequeath my soule unto Allmighty God my maker and

Jesus Christ my Redeemer by whose death and passion I hope to have remission of all my sinnes, and my body to be buried. I will and bequaeth unto my wife Maria Woodhouse one third pte of all my moveable estate that I am Estated in, and I doe likewise will that my wife shall enioye the use of my plantacon untill my Sonne Henry Woodhouse shal be Twenty yeeres of age, or longer if shee sholde continue A widdowe. I doe will and bequeath unto my sonne Henry five hundred acres of land whereon now I doe live. I doe will and bequeath unto my sonne Horatio Woodhouse two hundred acres of land lyeing by A Creeke comonly called by the name of Gregories Creeke. I doe will and bequeath unto my sonne John Woodhowse two hundred and Seaventy foure acres of land lyeing and being at a place called the head of the dammes. There be two shares of land in Bermudes wch I solde unto my brother in lawe Mr. Charles Sothren but if in Case the said Charles died wthout Issue of his body lawfully begotten then the said land to returne to me & my heires, wch said land I will and bequeath unto my sonne Willm Woodhouse(1) being so returned to mee. I doe likewyse will that after my debts are paied out of my whole estate that then my wife to have hir third pte of the estate, and the remaynder to be equally devided amongest my children as they shall come to age, my sonnes at twenty and my daughters at Sixteen. I doe bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Collins, and Judith five shillings A peece or the worth of it. I doe desire my loveing wife, my friends Mr. Lemuell Mason and Thomas Allen to see this my last will and Testamt pformed. But in Case any of my Children sholde die before they come to age then my will is that theire part soe dieing be equally devided amongest the liveing, onely the land, and that to goe by Succession first unto the heires males, I doe likewise give unto my wife all that little plate I have, Except to each of my Children by this wife one Silver Spoone. In pformance hereof I have hereunto Sett my hand this Sixteenth of July One thousand Sixe hundred fifty five.

Signed in the prSence of HEN: WOODHOUSE.
Tho: Allen,
the mke (E) of
Joane Henley
Jurat in Cur p Tho: Allen tant 15th Novembris 1655.
Test Wm Turner Cl: Cur:

The oath of Joane Henley taken before us the 8th of december 1655, John Martin Robert Powis, that the will above recorded is the last will & Testamt of Mr. Henry Woodhowse.

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(1) The land which the Ex-Governor bought in 1628, and gave to his son Henry in 1632, the latter sold his brother-in-law, Charles Sothren, to be returned to him if he died without heirs, in 1640, and in his will left the same to his son William if it was returned. This land was in the possession of Sothren in 1663, and I am unacquainted with its final disposition.

JOHN BACON	=Cecilly Hoo or Howe.(1)
JOHN	=Helen Gedding.
1st wife Helena daughter of Sir George Tillots of Rougham	=JOHN = Julia, daughter of Bardwell. 2nd wife
JOHN	=Margery Thorpe daughter and heir of John, son of William and grandson of Sir William Thorpe by the daughter and heir of Sir Roger Bacon, a celebrated Commander in the wars, temp, Edward II, and Edward III.
EDMUND of Drinkstone	=
JOHN	=Agnes Cokefield.
ROBERT	=Isabella, daughter of John Cage of Pakenham in Suffolk.

JANE, daughter of William Fernley of West Cresting, Suffolk, 1st wife.	=SIR NICHOLAS the Lord Keeper	=Ann, daughter of Sir Anthony Cook, 2nd wife.	JAMES ESQ., Alderman of London, died June 15, 1573.	=Margaret. daughter of Wm. Rawlins of London and widow of Richard Gouldston, Salter.
ANNE = SIR HENRY WOODHOUSE.	FRANCIS, BARON Verulam Viscount St. Albans and Lord Chancellor of England.	SIR JAMES of Friston Hall, Suffolk Knighted at White Hall in 1604, died at Finsburg, London, Jan. 17th 1618.	Elizabeth Bacon, daughter of Francis and Anne Bacon of Hessett.	

(1) The article, "The Bacons of Va.," commences with John Bacon who married Cecilly Hoo or Howe, and Mr. Brown in his notes does not question its being correct. The family is said to be descended from Grimbaldus, a Norman gentleman, but the line of descent from him to John is so uncertain that it is best to hold it in abeyance.

JOHN WOODHOUSE, Esq. = Alice, daughter of William Croft, Esq.

SIR THOMAS(1) WOODHOUSE of Waxham, died s. p. = Margaret, daughter of William Hubbard.

1st, Ann, daughter of Henry Repps of Thorp Market, Esq. =

SIR WILLIAM 2nd son. = 2nd Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Philip Calthorp, widow of Sir Henry Parker.

Sir Thomas married Ann, daughter and co-heir of John Wooton of Tudenham, Esq., and died s. p.

1st Ann, daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon. =

SIR HENRY 2nd son, died 1624. = 2nd, Cecilly, daughter of Thomas Gresham, Esq.

Gresham Woodhouse, Esq.

1st SIR WILLIAM = Francis, daughter of Sir Robert Jermyn of Rushbrook.

2nd HENRY Governor of the Bermudas. =

Thomas Esq. son and heir.

HENRY of Virginia.

Mary = Killigrew.
Vere = Godfrey.
Elizabeth = Sir Francis Stoner.
Ann = Hungate, and afterwards to Sir Julius Caesar.

2nd Ann = Sir William Heydon.
Mary = Sir Ralph Shelton.

Sir Hen. Woodhouse, Knight. — Ann, d. of Sir Nic Bacon. Lord Keeper.

(1) Sir Wm Woodhouse, Knight. (2). Henry | (4) Thomas.

(3) Francis Woodhouse, 3 Sonne m. Elizabeth, d. of ——Winde of Norff.

The arms given in Blomefield's History of Norfolk County, England of the Woodhouse family of Waxham and Hickling are: Quarterly, azure, and ermin, in the first quarter a leopard's head, or. The arms in Burke, which agree with those now in the possession of the elder branch of the family in Princess Anne County are: Quarterly erm. and az., in the 2nd and 3d quarters a leopard's head or: *Crest*—a griffin segreant or.

Authorities used: History of the Bermudas, Lefroy; History of the Bermudas, Wm. Frith Williams; Virginia Carolorum, E. D. Neill; Genesis of Settlement in the United States, Alexander Brown; History of Norfolk County, England, Blomefield; Letter from Charles P. Keith, Philadelphia; Dictionary of National Biography, edited by Leslie Stephen; Calendar of State Papers, (English) Domestic Series; Calendar of State Papers, (English) Colonial Series, America and the West Indies; Burke's General Armory; "The Bacons of Va., and their English Ancestry", by Charles Hervey Townshend, Esq., of New Haven, Ct; and notes by John Coffin Jones Brown, Esq., of Boston, in the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register for April, 1883, and the County records of Norfolk County, Va.